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The Pribram Inspectorate

1. The Pribram inspectorate was subordinate to the Directorate General of the Jachymov uranium ore mines. The ore extracted at the Pribram mines was shipped to OTK Vykmánov sorting station. The Pribram inspectorate was in charge of the following mines: Pytitz, Vojna, Kanenna, Jerusalem, and Hermanický. Chief of the Pribram inspectorate was Soviet engineer Logizov (fnu).
[redacted] Technical manager of the Pytitz mine was a Soviet of undetermined name. Soviet engineer Regulov (fnu) [redacted] was supervisor of the hoisting operations at the inspectorate.

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The Pytitz Mines

2. Technical manager of the Pytitz mine enterprise was one Karbt (fnu) [redacted] manager of the OTK sorting station was a Czech called Stejskal. [redacted] Supervisory personnel at the OTK were the Czechs Bucalka, Jenku and Matejka. The Pytitz mine area is located 4 kilometers east of Pribram, west of the Milín - Dubenec highway. The village of Pytitz consists of a mere 10 houses located east of the above-mentioned highway. The mine compound covers an area of 300 - 1,000 by 400 - 500 meters. The installation included Mine 11 located in the northern portion and Mine 10 located in the southern portion of the compound, the OTK sorting station, and the convict camp [redacted]

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Both mines had reportedly five levels. The hoisting towers were of the conventional type with two-story minecages. Power was supplied from an underground power plant via the mine transformer station which had been newly constructed in 1954. Water was supplied from wells struck in the mines.

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Uranium Ore Extraction

3. The uranium ore was found embedded in gray limestone in pockets of up to 25 kg as well as in veins of up to 4 or 5 cm in diameter. The ore was dark gray to brown in color and much heavier than the limestone. [redacted]

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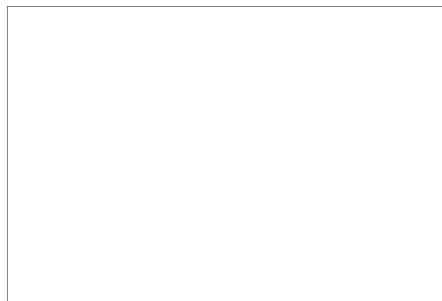
Workforce

11. A total of 1,460 convicts and 250 civilians were employed at both mines. Three 8-hour shifts were worked daily. Among the convicts were Czechs, Slovaks 

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Security Measures

12. The mine area was guarded by some 200 SNB police headed by a sublieutenant. This detachment was called "Ostrava". The name of the commanding officer could not be determined but it was known that he resided on Fibich Street in Pribram in a single-story building decorated with a memorial tablet in honor of the composer Fibich. The mine area was surrounded by a high wire fence with watch towers at equal distances of 60 to 70 meters. No air defence measures or any other protective measures were observed. No air protection regulations were issued.



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